



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : William Girzone  
Serial No.: 09/770,003  
Filed : 1/25/2001  
Title : GAS BLOCKING DEVICE FOR OPTICAL FIBER REPEATER

Art Unit : 2882  
Examiner : George Y. Wang  
Docket No.: Girzone 2

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2003, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

12/02/2003 MDANTE1 00000079 500309 09770003  
01 FC:1251 110.00 DA

RECEIVED  
DEC - 8 2003  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION 37 CFR §1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:

☒ **MAILING**  
deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: 11/24/03

☐ **FACSIMILE**  
[ ] facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Heather Woods

Signature

Heather Woods  
(Type or Print Name of Person Signing Certificate)